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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427-8401; fax: (301) 713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan (Permit No. 22062), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 21295 and 21366), Erin Markin (Permit No. 21467), and Sara Young (Permit No. 21158-02); at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the ***Federal Register*** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the ***Federal Register*** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
21295	0648-XF910	Olga von Ziegler, Winged Whale Research, P.O. Box 15191 Fitz Creek, AK 99603	82 FR 61752, December 29, 2017	May 8, 2018
21366	0648-XG057	Margaret Lamont, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, 7320 NW 71st St., Gainesville, FL 32653	83 FR 9297, March 5, 2018	May 9, 2018
21467	0648-XG037	Karen Holloway-Adkins, East Coast Biologists, Inc., P.O. Box 33715, Indianapolis, IN 46203	83 FR 9297, March 5, 2018	May 10, 2018
22062	0648-XG130	Patricia Fair, Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina, Hollings Marine Laboratory, 331 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412	83 FR 13736; March 30, 2018	May 1, 2018
21158-02	0648-XF592	Robert Garrott, Ph.D., Montana State University, 310 Lewis Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717	83 FR 16343; April 16, 2018	May 24, 2018

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**AUTHORITY:** The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing

the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

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